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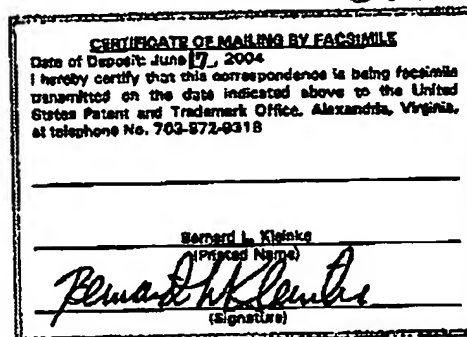
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Applicant: **SMITH ET AL**
Title: **ELECTRONIC COMPONENT RACK
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Examiner: **Yean Hsi Chang**
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Sir,

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2004.

A telephone conference with the examiner, Mr. Yean His Chang, for the above captioned case was held on April 19, 2004 regarding the interpretation of the shortened statutory period for reply, since the Office Action Summary sheet indicates three months and the Detailed Action states one month or thirty days, whichever is longer.

Mr. Chang confirmed that the entire reply is due in three months from the date of the Office Action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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